To the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of *Southampton.*

GENTLEMEN,

SINCE every effort, to ſecure the Peace and Tranquillity of the County, has failed of effect, through the ambitious views of thoſe who ſupport Sir William Heathcote and Mr. Chute, we preſume to think that the Junction of thoſe Gentlemen makes it neceſſary for us to unite in vigorous efforts, that we may preſerve our own independence, and that of the Freeholders at large, againſt a combination, ſupported by the whole weight of the undue influence ſo prevalent in this County: a power which nothing but the zealous and warmeſt exertions of the Independent Freeholders, can at any time reſiſt. We therefore with confidence, venture to ſolicit your vote at the poll, and to aſſure you, that the independence and intereſt of the Freeholders of this County, will ever be the object of our attention and care.

We are with the utmoſt regard and reſpect,

GENTLEMEN,

Your moſt obedient and faithful Servants,

JOHN RUSSELL.

J. C. JERVOISE.

Wincheſter, 15th Jan. 1790.